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Clerk in Kentucky Chooses Jail Over Deal on Same-Sex Marriage

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Kim Davis, the clerk of Rowan County in Kentucky, after refusing to grant a marriage certificate to Robbie Blankenship and Jesse Cruz on Wednesday. Credit Ty Wright/Getty Images

ASHLAND, Ky. — A Kentucky county clerk who has become a symbol of religious opposition to [same-sex marriage](#) was jailed Thursday after defying a federal court order to issue licenses to gay couples.

The clerk, Kim Davis of Rowan County, Ky., was ordered detained for contempt of court and later rejected a proposal to allow her deputies to process same-sex marriage licenses that could have prompted her release.

Instead, on a day when one of Ms. Davis's lawyers said she would not retreat from or modify her stand despite a Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage, Judge David L. Bunning of United States District Court secured commitments from five of Ms. Davis's deputies to begin providing the licenses. At least two couples planned to seek marriage licenses Friday.

"The court cannot condone the willful disobedience of its lawfully issued order," Judge Bunning said. "If you give people the opportunity to choose which orders they follow, that's what potentially causes problems."

The judge's decision to jail Ms. Davis, a 49-year-old Democrat who was elected last year, immediately intensified the attention focused on her, a longtime government worker who is one of three of Kentucky's 120 county clerks who contend that their religious beliefs keep them from recognizing same-sex nuptials. Within hours of Ms. Davis's imprisonment, some Republican presidential candidates declared their support for her, a sign that her case was becoming an increasingly charged cause for Christian conservatives.

"Today, judicial lawlessness crossed into judicial tyranny," Senator Ted Cruz, Republican of Texas, said in a statement.

A lawyer for Ms. Davis, Roger Gannam, sharply criticized the ruling and portrayed it as a stark warning to Christians across the country.

"Today, for the first time in history, an American citizen has been incarcerated for having the belief of conscience that marriage is the union of one man and one woman," Mr. Gannam said after a hearing that stretched deep into Thursday afternoon. "And she's been ordered to stay there until she's willing to change her mind, until she's willing to change her conscience about what belief is."

In Washington, the White House press secretary, Josh Earnest, said he had not discussed the judge's decision with President Obama, but he added that it was not up to Ms. Davis to defy the Supreme Court.

"Every public official in our democracy is subject to the rule of law," Mr. Earnest said. "No one is above the law. That applies to the president of the United States and that applies to the county clerk of Rowan County, Ky., as well."



Ms Davis in jail Thursday. Credit Carter County Detention Center, via Associated Press

Judge Bunning's decision went beyond the wishes of the couples who sued the clerk this summer; their lawyers had asked that she be fined. Some advocates for gay rights quickly expressed concern that Ms. Davis's jailing would make her a sympathetic figure to religious conservatives and prompt lawmakers in Kentucky and elsewhere to push for new laws carving out exemptions for public officials who oppose same-sex marriage. But they also described Ms. Davis as an outlier.

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"I think this is a tempest in a teapot," said Marc Solomon, national campaign director of Freedom to Marry, which was active in the push for same-sex marriages to be recognized. "If the big backlash and the mass resistance that our opponents promised is one clerk from a county of under 25,000 people, I think we're in very good shape."

Ms. Davis's appearance before Judge Bunning, and her subsequent detention, was a signal development in a case that surfaced soon after the Supreme Court's ruling in June. Faced with the ruling, Ms. Davis, an Apostolic Christian, directed her office to stop providing marriage licenses to any applicants.

"Marriage is between one man and one woman," Ms. Davis said during a frequently tearful turn on the witness stand on Thursday. When Mr. Gannam, one of her lawyers, asked whether she approved of same-sex marriage, she replied, "It's not of God."

The [legal odyssey of Ms. Davis](#), who was being held Thursday night at a county detention center, began with a ruling last month that ordered her to issue licenses. The Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and, on Monday, the United States Supreme Court denied her requests to prevent the order from taking effect.

Ms. Davis's decision on Tuesday to refuse licenses to same-sex couples led to the contempt hearing, and she testified that she had not hesitated to maintain her opposition to licensing same-sex couples.

Demonstrators expressed support for gay marriage and religious liberty outside a courthouse in Ashland, Ky., on Thursday, where the Rowan County clerk of courts, Kim Davis, was ordered to jail.

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"I didn't have to think about it," Ms. Davis said. "There was no choice there."

But after seeing their boss jailed, most of Ms. Davis's deputy clerks said Thursday that they were willing to break from her demands and comply with Judge Bunning's order, even if they did so with deep reluctance.

"I don't really want to, but I will follow the law," one deputy, Melissa Thompson, told the judge. "I'm a preacher's daughter, and this is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."

Another deputy clerk, Nathan Davis, who is also Ms. Davis's son, said he would not issue licenses, but Judge Bunning did not impose any penalties against him.

On Friday, the focus of the case will shift back to Morehead, where the clerk's office is. Despite lingering disputes about whether Ms. Davis's deputies have the authority to act without her explicit consent, couples are expected to begin receiving marriage licenses Friday morning.

"We expect at the end of the day for the court's orders to be complied with," Judge Bunning told a crowded, quiet courtroom. "That's how things work here in America."



Protesters opposing same-sex marriage gathered Thursday outside the federal courthouse in Ashland, Ky. Credit Ty Wright/Getty Images

He later added, "I hope there's no shenanigans."

Amid complex questions about the scope of the judge's authority and the application of Kentucky law, it was

unclear how long Ms. Davis might remain jailed. Civil contempt is a murky area that is largely dependent on the discretion of the judge whose will has been defied.

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"Civil contempt is not supposed to be punitive; it's supposed to coerce the person to obey the judge's order," said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "Once she promises to obey, or once the judge determines that more jail time will not encourage her to obey, they'll let her out. But she could be in there for a year; it's conceivable. Judges really don't like it when people disobey their order."

Jurists like Judge Bunning have few options to prod compliance, but they are powerful: fines or incarceration. The legal issue — that no one, whether a government or an individual engaged in civil disobedience has standing to flout a court order — is well established.

The standoff here, many law professors said, is somewhat reminiscent of the 1960s civil rights battles, with Ms. Davis in the role of George C. Wallace, the segregationist Alabama governor who stood in the doorway of the University of Alabama to try to block its integration.

"In a way, she's out George Wallace-ing George Wallace," said Howard M. Wasserman, a law professor at Florida International University. "It does now feel like the civil rights era, with people ignoring court orders, taking a stand and being held in contempt."



Supporters at the federal courthouse. At a contempt hearing inside, a judge jailed Ms. Davis for defying a court order on marriage licenses for gay couples. Credit Ty Wright/Getty Images

And Judge Bunning's decision to jail Ms. Davis, instead of fining her as her challengers sought, came as a surprise in the courtroom and well beyond Ashland.

"It's unusual for the court to go beyond what the plaintiffs asked for," Suzanna Sherry, a law professor at Vanderbilt University, said.

Judge Bunning, however, said from the bench that he believed fining Ms. Davis would "not bring about the desired result of compliance."

With Ms. Davis jailed, the agreements by her deputy clerks left gay and straight couples poised to receive marriage licenses in the county for the first time in months.

"We're going to the courthouse tomorrow to get our marriage license; we're very excited about that," said April Miller, who sued after she and her partner were denied a license. "We're saddened by the fact that Ms. Davis has been incarcerated. We look forward to tomorrow; as a couple, it will be a very important day in our lives."

A lawyer for the couples, William Sharp, said Thursday's ruling demonstrated that "religious liberty is not a sword with which government, through its employees, may impose particular religious beliefs on others."

Outside the courthouse, protesters expressed disparate messages. The rainbow flag, a symbol of the gay rights movement, was on display along with signs that carried messages like "Sodomy is sin." Some people shouted their opinions through loudspeakers and megaphones, and faced off, sometimes inches apart, with their opponents.

After the ruling, Ms. Davis's husband, Joe Davis, was among those unhappy with the proceedings inside.

"Tell Judge Bunning," Mr. Davis said, "he's a butt."

Correction: September 3, 2015

Because of an editing error, an earlier version of this article misstated Kim Davis's political affiliation. She is a Democrat, not a Republican.

Alan Blinder reported from Ashland, Ky., and Tamar Lewin from New York. Peter Baker and Sheryl Gay Stolberg contributed reporting from Washington.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/04/us/kim-davis-same-sex-marriage.html?_r=1

Protesting farmers in more than 1,000 tractors flood Paris streets

4 September 2015



[French farmers from western France regions drive their tractors on the A10 motorway into Paris. \(Reuters: Jacky Naegelen\)](#)

More than 1,000 tractors have rolled into Paris as farmers attempted to clog up the capital's roads in protest of their falling incomes.

Tractors were lined up at the busy Nation roundabout in the east of the city on Thursday, but Parisians heeded calls to avoid using their cars and traffic was less congested than normal during the morning rush hour.

Farmers on their tractors descended slowly on the capital from all corners of France, angry over the falling prices for their farm produce which they blame on foreign competition, Russian sanctions and a raw deal from local supermarkets and distributors.

Agriculture has been struggling across Europe and protests are also expected in Brussels ahead of an EU meeting on the subject next week.

It took many of them a week to reach the capital, travelling at an average speed of 35 kilometres an hour.

"What we're asking for today is three or four centimes more on a burger," Xavier Beulin, head of France's leading farmers' union FNSEA, told iTele.

The first tractors to arrive came from the north west region of Brittany, a major producer of milk and pork, flying banners with slogans such as "No food without agriculture" and "Don't abandon your farmers".

FNSEA said they were expecting 1,733 tractors as well as dozens of cars and buses. Police said they had counted more than 1,300 tractors on the roads into Paris.



[A French farmer stands next to his cows and calves as he attends a demonstration on the Place de la Nation square. \(Reuters: Jacky Naegelen\)](#)

"Milk has dropped to 320 euros per tonne from 340 euros last year, and it's still falling," Christian Ribet, who had arrived on a tractor from Brittany, said.

"We sell at a loss even though it's supposed to be against the law."

A combination of factors, including changing dietary habits, slowing Chinese demand and a Russian embargo on Western products in response to sanctions over the Ukraine conflict, has pushed down prices for staples like beef, pork and milk.

"The prices are low. There are more and more rules. Rules are necessary but the prices don't follow the extra costs," Mathieu, a 20-year-old dairy farmer from the northern region of Picardie, said.

Commuters advised to take public transport

Many commuters took the advice of the police and used public transport instead of their cars on Thursday morning.

"There are not many traffic jams caused by the protesters. It's limited," a spokesman for the traffic information centre said.

During the summer, protesting farmers dumped manure in cities around the country, blocked access to roads and motorways and prevented tourists from reaching the popular Mont St-Michel in northern France.

Farmers' unions have been negotiating with the government, which unveiled an emergency package worth 600 million euros in tax relief and loan guarantees in July.



[French farmers drive into central Paris with their tractors that display the word "help". \(Reuters: Jacky Naegelen\)](#)

But they say this is woefully inadequate, as tales of farms going under — and in the most extreme cases of suicides — hit the news.

The agriculture minister has estimated that around 10 per cent of farms in France — approximately 22,000 sites — are on the brink of bankruptcy with a combined debt of one billion euros.

AFP/Reuters

www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-03/mass-tractor-protest-in-paris-over-plunging-farm-incomes/6748552

NO GUILT BY ASSOCIATION – surely?

Dyson Heydon: the reasons behind his decision

MICHAEL PELLY, [The Australian](#), September 04, 2015 12:00AM



Dyson Heydon's fair-minded observer spied three crucial flaws in the argument that he should disqualify himself. Picture: Britta Campion Source: TheAustralian

In his rugby-playing days at Oxford University, the trade union royal commissioner was known as "Dirty Dyson".

It wasn't so much a reference to his playing style, even if he was a vigorous forward who didn't mind putting studs all over an opponent's back. Apparently, Dyson Heydon always seemed to be covered in mud.

For the past two weeks, Heydon has been at the bottom of the rugby scrum they call politics. And that's where he will stay, even if you applaud his 67-page judgment on apprehended bias as a masterpiece of legal reasoning.

The unions expected to lose and, despite some noise, they won't bother appealing. To do so would ruin one of their best arguments; that the decision has little credibility because Heydon was sitting in judgment of himself.

If they did appeal, at least three judges would be involved and another loss would kill off that argument. Labor and the unions know it's one that resonates with the punters and cartoonists, the same people who wonder why the mythical person Heydon called on — the fair-minded lay observer — can find no fault with his handling of the Barwick lecture debacle.

Heydon's fair-minded observer spied three crucial flaws in the argument that he should disqualify himself because he agreed to speak at the Garfield Barwick lecture — a legal event that also served as a Liberal Party fundraiser.

No doubt someone will point out that it can be contempt for continuing to assert it was a fundraiser when Heydon's judgment said it wasn't. And that Heydon was right to apply a "dominant purpose" test to the event and highlight the difference between a predisposition and prejudice.

But it's worthwhile examining how he got there.

There was the "Murray Gleeson-gave-the-speech-last-year defence" at par 98. It concedes that the unions were right to paint the first four Barwick lecturers — George Brandis, Bob Ellicott, Tom Hughes and John Howard — as party loyalists, but that no one could say that about Gleeson.

He also offered a muddle-headed wombat defence at par 141: that the Barwick lecture wasn't about the commission so I didn't look at the detail. In any case, my fair-minded observer would give me the benefit of the doubt.

The "I'm a technophobe who doesn't use email" defence also got a run. As did the one that says "I'm a lawyer and all this doesn't matter because it won't affect my findings".

All are credible, as is Heydon's point that he was never accused of being actually biased.

He also relished the fact that the CFMEU and the AWU — but not the ACTU — accused him of "doctoring emails". They would have been far better off alleging that he only withdrew when he was warned — and realised — that his acceptance might not be a good look.

The event's organiser, Greg Burton SC, was clearly awake to the danger of Heydon turning up at an event with a connection to the Liberal Party. But why he told Heydon it was "not a fundraiser" — and repeated that in an email the day before the story broke — is mystifying.

Heydon should be thankful that counsel assisting, Jeremy Stoljar SC, passed on advice to the contrary from the Bar Association.

Ten bucks says the royal commissioner might not have bothered to send that email at 9.23am to Burton — the one that flagged his withdrawal — had it not been for the discussion he had with Stoljar at 9am. He would have likely just accepted what Burton said about it not being a fundraiser rather than checking again. Heydon admits as much at par 155.

In that 9.23am email, Heydon said if there was "any possibility" (his emphasis) that the event could be described as a Liberal Party event he would have to pull out. It's a real pity that standard was not applied earlier in the piece.

There is a school of thought that says Heydon should have dug in and given the lecture. After all, the cricket team he played in at Oxford was known as the barnacles

and he has never given a tinker's cuss for what the media thinks.

He might even have asked Burton to donate the proceeds to charity, but that ignores the politics. Even Tony Abbott conceded that accepting the invitation was "not ideal".

An upside of the furore was another Heydon judgment to enjoy. Take the passage (at par 197) when he addresses

the charge of doctoring/editing emails. Anyone who sided with his accuser, he said, "would not be a fair-minded person". "Rather that observer would be a reckless, irrational, perhaps even malevolent-minded person. Now fair-mindedness, like peace, is indivisible."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/legalaffairs/dysonheydonthereasonsbehindhisdecision/storye6frq97x-1227511633410>

Does that make sense? Why would the Nazis mark them and **then** send them off to die?

The Auschwitz narrative claims over 900,000 Jews were unregistered and immediately gassed.

"The practice, said Rome Jewish community president Ruth Dureghello, is "unacceptable." She added: "It is an image we cannot bear, which recalls to mind the procedure at the entrance of Nazi extermination camps, when millions of men, women and children were marked with a number, like animals, and they were sent to die." – ed. AI.

Czech police stop marking refugees with numbers

Critics say measure recalls Nazi Germany's practice of marking the arms of death camp prisoners

By [AFP](#) and [JTA](#) September 3, 2015, 4:34 pm



A Czech police officer writes on the hands of migrants at Breclav station on September 1, 2015 (AP)

Czech police said Thursday they had stopped marking the hands of detained refugees with numbers after sparking an uproar among human rights groups, lawyers, media organizations, and Jewish groups.

Officers will from now on use "special wrist bands containing identification data," Czech police said in a statement on their website. "The police is sensitive to criticism that has appeared in the media."

Police used markers on Tuesday to write numbers on the hands of 214 refugees, mostly Syrians, detained in the southeast of the country on trains arriving from Austria and Hungary.

Interior ministry spokeswoman Lucie Novakova told AFP the move was introduced "to prevent the children from getting lost" and keep families together.

But the measure raised eyebrows as it recalls Nazi Germany's practice of marking the arms of death camp prisoners with numbers.

Czech Interior Minister Milan Chovanec said Thursday the police officers in the southeastern town of Breclav had to "work fast and under stress" when asylum seekers arrived in the middle of the night.

The Czech Republic has become a transit country for migrants travelling to wealthier EU states like neighboring Germany.

The prime ministers of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia will meet in Prague on Friday to deal with the refugee crisis.

Earlier, Italian Jewish leaders criticized Czech police for the practice.

News reports that "dozens of refugees were literally branded as if they were cattle at the slaughterhouse, inevitably recalling the darkest period of contemporary history, are just the latest in a series of disturbing events against which the voice of all civil and advanced societies must be firm," Renzo Gattegna, the president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, or UCEI, said in a statement published on the UCEI website.

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"It is time that Europe understands that the phenomenon of immigration, while complex, cannot be confronted with methods that are repressive and offensive to human dignity," Dureghello said.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/numbers-on-refugees-arms-recall-holocaust-jewish-leaders-say/>

European migrant crisis:

Asylum seekers in Hungary struggle with police after being pulled off train 4 September 2015

Key points:

Authorities tried to take asylum seekers to a Hungarian reception centre

Trains to Vienna and Germany were cancelled but domestic trains were not

Asylum seekers have scuffled with riot police while others threw themselves onto train tracks and fled as authorities tried to take them to a reception centre in Hungary, attempting to end a standoff that has become symbolic of a European asylum system brought to breaking point.



Photo: [Policemen struggled to pull the family off the train tracks. \(Reuters: Laszlo Balogh\)](#)

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Hungarian prime minister says country is being 'overrun'

With the government promising to close the country off to migrants by September 15, chaos broke out after a train bound for Hungary's border with Austria was stopped some 35 kilometres outside of Budapest in the town of Bicske, where Hungary has an asylum seeker reception centre.

Riot police ordered them off, but many asylum seekers resisted, laying on the railway line or fleeing. Some wrestled with police, trying to get back on board.

Those who refused to disembark banged on the windows of the train and shouted "No camp, no camp!"

A family — a man, his wife and their toddler — made their way on the track next to the train and lay down in protest. It took a dozen riot police wrestling with the man to get them up again.

The train left from Budapest's main railway station on Thursday morning after police, who for two days had barred entry to more than 2,000 asylum seekers, stepped aside and a crowd surged past.

Media player: "Space" to play, "M" to mute, "left" and "right" to seek.

Video: [Explained: Europe's growing migration crisis \(ABC News\)](#)

Many believed they were heading for Austria, Germany and beyond, nearing the end of a sometimes perilous journey from the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Exhausted and confused, they crammed into a waiting train, clinging to doors and squeezing their children through open carriage windows.

Trains to Vienna and Germany were cancelled, but domestic trains, many of them heading for border towns in western Hungary, were leaving.

"We want to go to Germany but that train in the station, maybe it goes nowhere. We heard it may go to a camp. So we will stay out here and wait," Ysra Mardini, a 17-year-old from the Syrian capital Damascus, said.

Asylum seekers arriving in Vienna from Hungary will not be checked or registered and can continue their onward journeys across Europe, the police chief in Austria's capital said.

Austrian rail operator OeBB said several trains had left Budapest for Sopron, which is near the Austrian border and connected to Vienna via regional rail lines.

No intercity trains were running from Budapest to Vienna, unlike on Tuesday when asylum seekers packed trains hoping to make it to Germany or beyond.

"What we certainly can't do is check all those people coming through, establish all their identities, or possibly even arrest them — we can't do this, and we have no plans to do this," Vienna police chief Gerhard Puerstl said.

Asked if the migrants would be allowed to continue their journey, Mr Puerstl said "yes — of course, we will ensure that everything is orderly, there is no question of that," adding there was no point in shuttling people back and forth in trains.



An asylum seeker pulls a boy inside a train through a window at the Keleti train station in Budapest. (Reuters: Leonardo Foeger)

Hungary prime minister says country being 'overrun'

As the train departed, lawmakers were debating a raft of amendments to Hungary's migration laws that the ruling party said would cut illegal border crossings to "zero".

They provide for the creation of holding zones on the country's southern border with Serbia, where construction crews are completing a 3.5-metre-high fence.

Hungary has emerged as a flashpoint, as the primary entry point for those travelling overland across the Balkans. Its right-wing government is among the continent's most outspoken voices against allowing mass immigration.

Prime minister Viktor Orban, in Brussels for talks with European leaders, said Hungarians and Europeans were "full of fear because they see that the European leaders ... are not able to control the situation".

In an opinion piece for Germany's Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung, he wrote his country was being "overrun" with refugees, most of which, he noted, were Muslims, not Christians.

"That is an important question, because Europe and European culture have Christian roots. Or is it not already and in itself alarming that Europe's Christian culture is barely in a position to uphold Europe's own Christian values?" he asked.

Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs deftly asyded his country's treatment of the asylum seekers.

"There is only one way to resolve this and this is by law, and re-establishing law and order," he told ABC's The World program.

"Not only at the railway station, but also at the borders of the European Union. These people we are facing and seeing at the railway station shouldn't be there. We have 2,000 to 3,000 illegal migrants arriving to Hungary daily, and obviously they have one thing in mind — to reach western Europe."

Video: [Some water and some biscuits, it's all I own in the world - the desperate bids for refuge in Europe \(7.30\)](#)

Reuters

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-03/hungary-asylum-seekersstrugglewithpolice/6748566>

From: michael mazur@iinet.net.au

Sent: Friday, 4 September 2015 8:30 PM

Subject: Re: Our new neighbours are getting closer.....

1. No discussion of why the people smugglers aren't arrested ? They are the crews right there.

2. Why don't naval vessels from Germany and Italy and Greece prevent the departure of the boats and ships ? Because these three countries are controlled by Jews.
3. No media discussion of the points I raise because the media is Jew owned.









"The spokesman told the London Jewish Chronicle that the term goyim explicitly meant Nazis."

London Hasidic school sorry for calling Nazis 'evil goyim'

Spokesman apologizes for Yiddish worksheet, says allegations it's teaching that non-Jews are evil are 'nonsense and simply false'

By [JTA](#) September 2, 2015, 11:13 pm



Ultra-Orthodox Jews in the Stamford Hill neighborhood of London (screen capture: YouTube/Mick Byrne)

A Satmar Hasidic school in a London borough apologized for using the term "goyim" on worksheets following a newspaper report that its preschoolers were being taught that non-Jews are evil.

An article published Tuesday in the Independent newspaper, a major British daily, focused on a worksheet on the Holocaust used by the young students at the Beis Rochel D'Satmar Girls' School in Hackney, in northeast London, in which Nazis are

referred to only with the term for non-Jews that some deem offensive.

The worksheet is in Yiddish, and the newspaper received an independent translation of the worksheet. The first question reads: "What have the evil goyim (non-Jews) done with the synagogues and cheders [Jewish primary schools]?" The answer in the completed worksheet reads "Burned them."

"The language we used was not in any way intended to cause offense, now this has been brought to our attention, we will endeavor to use more precise language in the future," a school spokesman told the newspaper.

The spokesman told the London Jewish Chronicle that the term goyim explicitly meant Nazis.

"The leaflet that the Independent refers to was handed out on the 21 Kislev, when the Satmar Jews celebrate the rescue of their founding rabbi from Bergen-Belsen," the spokesman, Shimon Cohen, told the Chronicle.

"The questions were only talking about the specific event, but there is no Yiddish word for Nazis. The suggestion that children are being taught that non-Jews are evil is nonsense and simply false. They are being taught that Nazis are evil."

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/london-hasidic-school-sorry-for-calling-nazis-evil-goyim/>

...and again, a courageous woman at 87!

Trotz Verbotsverfahren:

Holocaust-Leugnerin sprach bei NPD-Veranstaltung

Von [Christina Hebel](#), Donnerstag, 23.04.2015 – 16:57 Uhr

Der Antrag auf das Verbot der rechtsextremen NPD läuft - das hält Funktionäre in Sachsen-Anhalt nicht davon ab, die einschlägig bekannte Ursula Haverbeck zu einem Vortrag einzuladen. Sie hat jüngst verkündet, der Holocaust sei "die nachhaltigste Lüge der Geschichte".



**Haverbeck (r.) mit NPD-Funktionären Püschel und Thiel (l.) in Naumburg:
Neujahrsempfang mit der Holocaust-Leugnerin, NDR/ Panorama**

Ursula Haverbeck versteht sich als "Stimme für Wahrheit und Gerechtigkeit". In dieser Mission zieht die 86-Jährige aus dem nordrhein-westfälischen Vlotho durch Deutschland und erklärt 70 Jahre nach Befreiung des Vernichtungslagers Auschwitz, dass es den [Holocaust](#) nicht gegeben habe. Das ist unerträglich, aber auch dank Vertretern der rechtsextremen [NPD](#) möglich - jener Partei, der derzeit ein Verbotsverfahren vor dem [Bundesverfassungsgericht](#) droht.

Ende Januar dieses Jahres, Haverbeck hat in der Gaststätte "Burgblick" in Naumburg in Sachsen-Anhalt die Veranstaltung "Befreiung von Auschwitz" angekündigt. Die Behörden verbieten die Versammlung. Haverbeck wurde bereits mehrfach wegen Volksverhetzung verurteilt. Sie war Vorsitzende des "Collegium Humanum" und Vizevorsitzende des "Vereins zur Rehabilitierung der wegen Bestreitens des Holocaust Verfolgten". Beide Organisationen wurden 2008 als rechtsextremistisch verboten. Gegen Haverbeck wird derzeit wieder ermittelt, weil sie in einem Video auf ihrer Homepage verkündet: "Betrachten wir nun die Weltpolitik nach 1945, und so zeigt es sich, dass der Holocaust die größte und nachhaltigste Lüge der Geschichte ist."

Dass die Holocaust-Leugnerin Ende Januar in Naumburg doch sprechen kann, verdankt sie der NPD-Fraktion des Burgundlandkreises. Die setzt einen Neujahrsempfang der Partei an: gleicher Ort, gleiche Uhrzeit, Gast: Haverbeck. Vorneweg Fraktionschef Hans Püschel, der sich selbst als "Nazi" bezeichnet ([Lesen Sie hier mehr über den Mann, der einst in der SPD war](#)). Anwesend ist auch Steffen Thiel, Kreistagsabgeordneter und Landesvorstandsmitglied der NPD. Er hat über Wochen Demonstrationen gegen die künftige Asylbewerberunterkunft in Tröglitz organisiert, die Ostersonntag dann angezündet wurde ([Lesen Sie hier mehr](#)).

Rund 30 Gäste sind gekommen, Polizei und Staatsschutz - und ein Team der ARD-Sendung "Panorama".

Es dokumentiert Haverbecks unsägliches Auftritt bei der NPD. Einige wenige Auszüge: Bisher habe sie nie eine Antwort bekommen, behauptet Haverbeck, "obwohl ja überall auch davon gesprochen wird, dass sechs Millionen (Juden - *Anm. d. Redaktion*) umgebracht worden sind. Offenbar niemand, aber auch niemand mir darauf antworten kann wo. Und ich sage eine Untat, ein Verbrechen ohne einen Tatort, kann keine Tatsache sein."

Die Anlagen und Baracken in Auschwitz, die Zeugenaussagen der KZ-Überlebenden ([Lesen Sie hier die wichtigsten Beiträge über Auschwitz](#)), sie gelten nicht für Haverbeck.

Sie schwadroniert weiter: "Es gibt also eine unendliche Vielzahl von Überlebenden des Holocaust, vor allen Dingen in Auschwitz, die nie dort waren. Und deswegen, wir haben nicht zufällig ein deutsches Sprichwort: Wer einmal lügt, dem glaubt man nicht." Ein Polizist unterbricht kurz die Veranstaltung, weist Haverbeck zurecht. Sie darf dann weitersprechen und ihre kruden Thesen zu Auschwitz unter Beifall der Anwesenden verkünden, das für sie "kein Vernichtungs-, sondern ein

Arbeitslager" war, wie sie dem ARD-Team später in einem Interview sagt.



Püschel tritt als "Co-Referent" in Naumburg auf, NDR/ Panorama

Als Beleg dafür muss nun das Buch "Standort- und Kommandanturbefehle des Konzentrationslagers Auschwitz" herhalten, dessen Herausgeber der renommierte Historiker Norbert Frei ist. Wo gearbeitet wurde, wurde nicht getötet - so die krude Schlussfolgerung der Holocaust-Leugnerin. Schließlich herrschte deutsche Ordnung und Gründlichkeit in Auschwitz. Dieser Auffassung ist auch NPD-Fraktionschef Püschel, den Haverbeck als "Co-Referenten" bezeichnet. Er zitiert minutenlang auf der Versammlung aus Befehlen für die SS-Wachmannschaften, nach denen diese etwa den Zustand der Bekleidung und Füße der Häftlinge überwachen mussten. "Die Häftlinge haben also die Füße vorzuzeigen, dass sie sauber und gesund sind, weil es viele von sich aus nie gemacht hätten wahrscheinlich, sonst wäre so eine Anordnung nicht notwendig gewesen", sagt Püschel. Er erwähnt nicht, dass der Herausgeber, aus dessen Buch er da zitiert, zu einem anderen Schluss kommt.



Geschichte der NPD: Propaganda, Hass, Verbote

Die Befehle seien "natürlich kein Beweis" für Haverbecks Ausführungen, sagt Historiker Frei der ARD: "Ganz im Gegenteil enthalten sie eine Fülle von mehr oder weniger verdeckten, aber leicht zu entschlüsselnden Hinweisen darauf, dass zu einem bestimmten Zeitpunkt aus dem Auschwitz-Komplex das

Vernichtungslager geworden ist." Frei forscht seit Jahrzehnten zum Thema Holocaust.

Doch das scheint Haverbeck und Püschel nicht zu interessieren. Frühere Äußerungen Püschels werden auch im NPD-Verbotsantrag der Bundesländer aufgeführt. In dem Schriftsatz attestieren die [Bundesländer](#) der NPD unter anderem eine Wesensverwandtschaft mit der NSDAP: Die NPD-Ideologie [sei weitgehend identisch mit den Lehren des Nationalsozialismus](#).

"Anhänger der Partei gehen bis zur Relativierung und Leugnung der Ermordung der europäischen Juden durch die Gewaltherrschaft des NS", heißt es in dem Antrag. Dass Püschel formal nicht Mitglied der NPD ist, wie in der Partei betont wird, ist unerheblich: [Er repräsentiert die Partei im Kreistag](#).

Frank Franz, seit Herbst als Parteivorsitzender im Amt, will die NPD wieder vorzeig- und wählbar machen. Vorbild ist der Front

National in Frankreich. Auf Anfrage von SPIEGEL ONLINE distanziert er sich: "Es gibt unsererseits keine Zusammenarbeit und Kooperation mit Frau Haverbeck." Die Parteiführung habe keine Kenntnisse von der Veranstaltung in Naumburg gehabt, diese sei zunächst eine "Angelegenheit der Kreistagsfraktion". Es klingt nicht so, als würden deren Angelegenheiten unbedingt mit denen der NPD-Bundesführung übereinstimmen.

Die Holocaust-Leugner - "Panorama", ARD, heute Donnerstag, 21.45 Uhr

Weitere Informationen und Dokumenten finden Sie [hier](#), ein ausführliches Interview mit Haverbeck auch [hier](#).
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/npd-und-die-holocaust-leugnerin-ursula-haverbecka1030072.html>

Palestinians Angered by Sanhedrin Decision to Put Pope Francis on Trial

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He declares His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt so with any nation; and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Hallelujah. (Psalms 147:19)



Pope Francis, Photo: Raffaele Esposito/ Wiki Commons

A Palestinian member of the al-Fatah Revolutionary Council has spoke out condemning the self-declared Sanhedrin's [letter to Pope Francis](#), which demands that the Pope rescind his recognition of the "State of Palestine" or face trial in Jerusalem.

The Sanhedrin decided to try the Pope after the Vatican [signed its first comprehensive treaty](#) with the "State of Palestine", thereby officially recognizing its statehood. The treaty was ratified on May 13.

As previously reported by *Breaking Israel News*, the nascent Sanhedrin has also [sent a letter to US President Barack Obama](#), calling him to trial for "criminal offenses" against the Jewish people. Both the Pope and Obama have chosen to ignore the summons, but the Sanhedrin's cries for justice and truth have not gone unnoticed.

According to the [Centre for Research in Globalization](#), Dimitri Diliani, a member of the al-Fatah Revolutionary Council, told the [Felesteen](#) online news service that the Sanhedrin's letter to the Pope included many false claims about the history of "Palestine" and seeks to rob the Palestinian people of their natural rights in their homeland and to deny non-Jews of any rights.

Diliani called on the Vatican and Catholic churches around the world to intervene and put an end to Israeli "arrogance, racism and violations" against the Palestinian people and their land.

However, Diliani's claim seems to be inaccurate. In fact, there is only one reference to the Palestinian Authority in

the Sanhedrin's letter to the Pope, and that is to refer to it as "an occupying entity." The bulk of the Sanhedrin's claim is that by recognizing the Palestinian state, the Pope has denied the Holy Bible, which specifically grants the people of Israel the sole right to the Land of Israel.

The Sanhedrin calls on the Vatican to "remain true to that which is written in the Bible, in the name of the great prophets," and for the Pope to "instruct the Vatican that the sole claimant of divine right to the Land of Israel is the nation of Israel."

The Sanhedrin also objects to Pope Francis referring to President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, as an "angel of peace." They point out that he is a Holocaust denier, the truth of which is made evident in Abbas's book, "The Other Side: the Secret Relationship Between Nazism and Zionism," in which Abbas writes that Holocaust accounts were greatly exaggerated by the Zionists, who he claims collaborated with the Nazis.

The Israeli government has yet to respond to the Sanhedrin's call for trial. Professor Hillel Weiss, the secretary of the Sanhedrin, has expressed concern to *Breaking Israel News* that the government might intervene to prevent the trial from taking place in order to placate those, like Diliani, who oppose the process.

The Sanhedrin will bring Pope Francis to trial on Mount Zion in Jerusalem on September 9, 2015, four days before Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year and start of heavenly Days of Judgement. He will be tried in absentia in a public trial open to all. Rabbi Yehoshua Hollander will be acting as the *sanegor*, the defending counsel. Rabbi Yisrael Ariel and Rabbi Eliyahu Zini will preside over the court, which will be hearing witnesses and expert testimony.

It should be noted that less than two weeks after the trial, on September 22, Pope Francis will be [hosted at the White House](#) by US President Barack Obama. The visit, coincidentally, will take place on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when God finalizes judgement on all mankind.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/48220/palestinian-s-condemn-sanhedrin-decision-to-try-pope-in-absentia-forrecognizingpalestinejerusalem/#3sHXf6OVcHurMj.97>